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By Ms. Grant of Beverly, petition of Patricia A. Haddad and others relative to local control of health education curriculum. Public Health.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO LOCAL CONTROL OF HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUMS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 32A the following new section:—  
3 Section 32B. It is hereby established that every public school  
4 district shall establish a Health Educational Curriculum Com-  
5 mittee, made up of school department employees, parents, and  
6 other members of the community(ies) comprising that school dis-  
7 trict, to research and make recommendations on a comprehensive,  
8 age appropriate, factually and medically accurate health education  
9 curriculum for grades K-12 to the school committee on or before  
10 August 31, 2007; provided, however, that any school district that  
11 has substantially met the requirements herein prior to the effective  
12 date of this act shall submit documentation to the department of  
13 education demonstrating said compliance; and, provided further,  
14 that the department of education upon receipt of said documenta-  
15 tion shall determine whether said school district has substantially  
16 complied with the requirements herein. In assessing compliance,



17 the department of education must determine whether the cur-  
18 riculum framework recommended includes priority public health  
19 problems as reported by the department of public health for the  
20 age group and region. Health education curriculum committees  
21 shall receive funding subject to appropriation for any administra-  
22 tive costs from grants provided to cities and towns and regional  
23 school districts for school based comprehensive health education  
24 and human services in schools.

25 Every school district shall adopt a policy ensuring  
26 parental/guardian notification of the contents of its health educa-  
27 tion curriculum and policy of exemption as provided for in section  
28 32A.

29 To the extent practicable, health curriculum program materials  
30 shall be made reasonably accessible to parents, guardians, educa-  
31 tors, school administrators, and others for inspection and review.